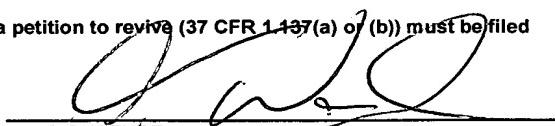
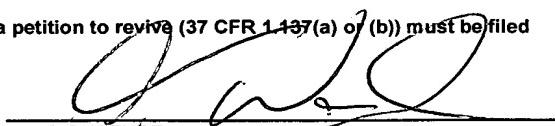
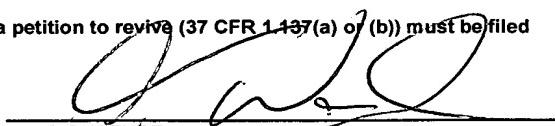


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2004/051799	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE September 20, 2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (Unknown) 7 CFR 1.5 107573083
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED September 26, 2003; May 18, 2004		
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELECTIVELY MASKING TEST RESPONSES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hendrikus Petrus Elisabeth VRANKEN; Andreas GLOWATZ and Friedrich HAPKE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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